

## Learn about the Online Study Visits and Register to the Platform of the GREELCO project, by DAISSy-HOU

Within the framework of the “[Green Learning Community \(GREELCO\)](#)” European project, the [DAISSy Research Group](#) of the [Hellenic Open University \(HOU\)](#) has designed and developed the [GREELCO online platform](#) addressed primarily to Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) professionals across Europe and everyone interested in the topic. The platform is a deliverable of the GREELCO project, currently undergoing by DAISSy-HOU as both the only Greek and the only Academic partner.



More specifically, the GREELCO online educational platform is offered for free and it is accessed easily, through a simple registration. Up to now, it has been utilized by more than one thousand (1,000) registered users, including education professionals. A series of tools, such as a Training Webinar, practices and Online Study Visits are available to the registered members. Therefore, the platform is highly accessible and open to everyone, functioning

already as a highly visited online communication and collaboration tool that links ECEC professionals throughout Greece, Europe and beyond.

Furthermore, from January 2024 until mid of October 2024, a series of eight (8) Virtual Study Visits has been planned by respective project’s kindergartens, from eight (8) European countries (Belgium, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Republic of North Macedonia, Romania, Slovenia, Serbia), one for each unit. The Virtual study visits are designed interactively, a fact that makes it easier for participants to get to know each other, connect and cooperate, as well as exchange knowledge, experience and examples of good practices, which can contribute to increasing the level of connection between kindergarten professionals from different countries.

There is a number of reasons why registering to the GREELCO platform is important, namely:

### ✓ *Connect and Collaborate*

GREELCO is more than just a platform; it's a hub for connecting and sharing ideas. Collaborate on projects, exchange insights, and join a dynamic network that values collective creativity.

### ✓ *Access to Webinars*

Participate in the GREELCO Webinar to gain essential knowledge, guidelines, and technical instructions for creating videos of pedagogical practices. These webinars cater to the needs of kindergarten teachers, educators, preschool managers, and ECEC professionals across Europe.

### ✓ *Exclusive Opportunities*

Enjoy exclusive access to events and opportunities. Stay informed about the latest trends, participate in online study visits, and lead in innovation. Attendees can access both live and on-demand study visits and stay updated on future events.

### ✓ *Learn About Diverse ECEC Systems*

Gain insights into various preschool and early childhood education systems, including teacher profiles, department sizes, organizational structures, funding, national curricula, and more.

✓ *Explore Pedagogical Practices*

Learn about daily routines, quality interactions, inspiring learning environments, and inclusive practices from kindergartens in different countries.

✓ *Enhance Reflective Competence*

Increase your ability to reflect on pedagogical practices, improving your professional competence in evaluating and refining educational methods.

✓ *Raise ECEC Practice Quality*

Improve your competencies in ensuring high-quality ECEC practices, with a special emphasis on inclusion.

More precisely, registering to the GREELCO platform is a pre-requisite for accessing it, and creating a private account. Verifying a private email address, allows the launch of collaborating and innovating in the GREELCO forums. Evaluating the platform by completing an anonymous questionnaire, is precious since, it provides the users with the possibility to suggest improvements.

As we enter a new era of collaborative possibilities, every professional in early childhood education is encouraged to join by registering on the platform and becoming a part of the dynamic GREELCO community!

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For more information on the **GREELCO** project and other activities of the DAISSy-HOU:

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